## **Governor Musgrove Honors Southern Miss Baseball Team**

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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed July 9, 2003, as "USM Golden Eagles Baseball Day" in honor of their extraordinary accomplishments this season. The Golden Eagles Baseball team finished the season with a 47-16 record and hosted a 2003 NCAA Baseball Regional Championship.

"I extend my congratulations to the 2003 Golden Eagles baseball team on their extraordinary accomplishments this season," said Musgrove. "The team and coaches represented their school, community and state with honor and dignity."

The Golden Eagles finished 23-7 in Conference USA and won the program's first regular season championship and the tournament championship. The team was ranked in the national Top 25 for twelve-straight polls and ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the final USA Today/Baseball Weekly Coaches Poll. For the first time in the program's history, three Golden Eagles players were drafted in the top ten rounds of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Head Coach Corky Palmer was named the Conference USA/Keith Leclair Conference Coach of the Year.

The Golden Eagles are coached by Head Coach Corky Palmer and Assistant Coaches Scott Berry and Lane Burroughs.

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